



Health Careers Surgical Technology

Surgical Technology Certificate of Achievement

(462A) major code

This certificate program prepares individuals for entry-level employment as surgical technologists. The program provides students with a foundation in the basic sciences and subjects unique to the perioperative setting. Waubonsee Community College is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs. Students graduating from the surgical technology program are eligible to take the national certification exam offered by the Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist.

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Fall Semester

m	BIO	250	Microbiology	4
m	BIO	260	Human Structure and Function.....	4
m	*AOS	222	Terms for Health Occupations.....	1
m	SUR	100	Principles of Surgical Tech. +	4
m	SUR	110	Surgical Pharmacology +	2
TOTAL				15

Spring Semester

m	COM	125	Communication Strategies for Healthcare Careers	2
m	SUR	120	Instrumentation and Practices Common to Surgical Procedures +	5
m	SUR	150	Health Problems and Surgical Procedures I +	2
m	SUR	151	Surgical Tech Externship I +	3
TOTAL				12

Summer Semester

m	SUR	200	Health Problems and Surgical Procedures II +	2
m	SUR	201	Surgical Tech Externship II +	3
m	SUR	220	Seminar in Surgical Tech. +	0.5
TOTAL				5.5

PROGRAM TOTAL.....32.5

* *Students may proficiency a course by passing a proficiency test. Contact the division of Business and Information Systems for test dates and times (see directory).*

m *Major course requires a minimum grade of C.*

+ *Program admission required for enrollment.*

Job Title

- Certified Surgical Technologist (CST)

About the Occupation

The surgical technologist assists in surgical procedures under the supervision of surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses or other surgical personnel. Prior to each operation, the technologist positions surgical instruments and equipment, and ensures proper functioning. The technologist also aids patients by preparing incision sites, transporting patients to surgery, positioning and covering them with sterile drapes, and observing vital signs. During surgical procedures, technologists pass instruments and other sterile supplies to the surgeons and surgical team members, and may assist during procedures. They prepare specimens for laboratory analysis, apply dressings and transfer patients to post-anesthesia care.

The surgical technology certificate program provides a foundation for possible transition into other health care careers such as Certified First Assist (CFA) and Surgical Nurse.

Highlights of Waubonsee's Program

- The surgical technology program combines classroom instruction and clinical experience at affiliated health care agencies in the community. Graduates are competent as entry-level technologists, qualified to provide services in surgical areas, sterile processing departments, ambulatory care and other facilities.

Professional Certification Opportunities

- *Certified Surgical Technologist (CST)* — Graduates are eligible to take this national certification exam offered by the Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist.



Procedure for Entering the Surgical Technology Program

The surgical technology program is offered in a full-time (three semester) sequence. Students seeking admission to the surgical technology program are required to:

1. Meet with Counseling and Advising (see directory) to establish a schedule for taking program courses.
2. Obtain specific admission information by contacting the Dean for Health and Life Sciences (see directory).
3. Complete the special application required for entry into the program, which is available from the office of Health Care Programs, Counseling, or on the Internet at www.waubonsee.edu/prostudents/admission_info.php. Enrollment is limited in the surgical technology (SUR) courses in order to provide the best possible educational experience for students. Students desiring to take courses with the SUR prefix in the fall must make application by June 1.
4. Complete required surgical technology program assessment tests. Acceptance into the program is based on assessment results, with documentation of reading at the 10th grade level and placement into MTH 060. Students should contact the Center for Learning Assessment (see directory) for testing dates and to schedule an appointment.
5. Understand that the surgical technology application, previous transcripts, and program assessment testing in math and reading are required for admission to the program. Students are notified via mail approximately four weeks after the application deadline date as to selection status.
6. Provide documentation of current American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers (CPR) certification. This certification must remain current for the entire length of the program.
7. Follow the program sequence once a student is accepted into the program. The student is expected to follow the program sequence for all SUR courses. Students may opt to complete any or all of the AOS, BIO, or COM courses prior to submitting an application to the surgical technology program. For continuation in the surgical technology program, a 2.0 or better GPA must be received in each of the major courses. NOTE: SUR courses are offered on a limited basis during the year. Please contact the office of Health and Life Sciences for specific course information.
8. Submit documentation of a physical examination, immunization, Hepatitis-B series, and 2-step tuberculosis (TB) test upon acceptance into the program.

Program Costs

In addition to tuition and regular fees, the surgical technology student has the following minimum fees and expenses:

Textbooks for SUR classes (excludes general education courses).....	\$245
White shoes, lab coat, patch.....	\$75
Stethoscope	\$15
Supplies.....	\$20
Physical exam, immunizations, Hepatitis-B series, TB testing	per health care provider

Total Estimated Costs

(excluding medical requirements)\$355

NOTE: These fees and expenses are *approximate costs* and are subject to change without prior notice to the student.